

**USFS REGION 8 ROUNDTABLE
TO HELP DEVELOP NEW NATIONAL FOREST PLANNING RULE
Friday, April 16, 2010
Sheraton Atlanta Hotel
Atlanta, GA**

-- WORKING DRAFT AGENDA --

Desired Outcome: *Region 8 input regarding new national planning rule*

Roundtable Objectives:

1. *Engage in an exchange of views about approach and content of new National Forest Planning rule.*
2. *Document range of participant views, themes, any areas of agreement and disagreement that may emerge, and any unique characteristics of the Southern Region of which participants would like rule writers to be aware, so that this input can be considered in development of the national planning rule.*
3. *Enhance relationships between USFS and others with stakes in National Forest planning.*

Timing	Topic	Lead
8:00	Registration and coffee	
8:30	OPENING REMARKS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Welcome, purpose of roundtable, policy context ■ Message of appreciation & encouragement (<i>by video</i>) ■ National policy context (<i>Power Point</i>) ■ Review agenda & “rules of engagement” 	Deputy Regional Forester Chief, US Forest Service TBD Facilitator
9:30	PANEL: Multi-Stakeholder Perspectives on the Implications of Forest Planning Experience in USFS Southern Region & Implications for New Planning Rule.	Facilitated
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Panel of individuals from different sectors, with 10 minutes each to highlight a key lesson learned from his or her experience with Forest Planning in Region 8, with emphasis on its implication for what the new national planning rule should look like. ■ Quick reactions / Q&A 	
10:30	BREAK	

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10:45	SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION: Priority Participant Suggestions for the New National Planning Rule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small group dialogue (4 groups, each with chart recorder & an SRA facilitator); groups discuss what they hope to see in the new rule. Each participant should come prepared to succinctly articulate the 1 most important thing they'd like to see in the new rule. Desired work product from each group is the flip-chart "wish list" of small group participants. 	Facilitated
11:45	REPORT OUT / PLENARY DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each group reports out its wish list. After each group has contributed to the collective list, any group can add missing high priority items to the list. Result is a comprehensive list of brainstormed ideas for what individuals in this group would like to see in the rule. Facilitator invites participant observations about themes and any areas of agreement or disagreement that may have emerged. Pre-lunch closing comments / key "take-away points from the suggestions of the small groups and plenary discussion. 	Facilitated Facilitated Chris Liggett Director of Planning USFS Southern Region
12:30	LUNCH (<i>on your own</i>)	
1:30	YOUR INPUT ON PRINCIPLES THAT SHOULD UNDERLIE NEW FOREST PLANNING RULE & HOW RULE SHOULD REFLECT THEM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using "world café" discussion format, participants rotate in small groups among 4 stations every 25 minutes; each station elicits input on subset of NOI planning principles; additional, unstaffed station accepts written suggestions all day on anything else related to planning principles. Groups will continue to rotate through stations every 20-25 minutes until all participants have had a chance to provide comments at each station. Current plan is that principles will be allocated across stations as follows: (1) Ecosystem Restoration; Climate Change; Watersheds Station; (2) Species Diversity; (3) Vibrant Rural Economies; (4) Process Principles. Focal question is, "How, if at all, should new planning rule reflect this / these principles?" 	Facilitated
3:15	BREAK	

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3:30	CLOSING PLENARY	Facilitated
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel of world café station hosts share themes from the input received, including areas of agreement or disagreement that may have emerged (5 min. / person). Southern Regional Planning Director Chris Liggett participates as respondent. Opportunity for plenary audience to build on themes identified by panelists and/or offer alternative impressions. 	
4:25	CLOSING COMMENTS	Chris Liggett Director of Planning USFS Southern Region
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NOTE: Separate room available all day for private meeting of tribal leaders if desired.